

QUAINT OLD GEORGETOWN ASKS MODERN PARK SYSTEM

Picturesque Section of City Tells Its Needs, and Outlines Plans for Drives, Boulevards and Parks.

Beneath the gnarled oaks of historic Georgetown her loyal sons are planning a city beautiful. Unhappily spots are to be eliminated, its ramshackle buildings to be removed, and the entire section that is to-day, legally, West Washington is to be surrounded with a system of parks that will prove an important element in the parking system of the District of Columbia.

Georgetown, as the old families that have resided within its borders for centuries still delight in calling it, is one of the oldest as well as most interesting sections of Washington. Contrary to the popular impression that it is a finished town, it is in reality one of the most consistently dependent business districts in Washington. So far from being finished, its citizens have developed an amount of enthusiasm and enterprise that promises to keep the rest of the city busy to maintain the pace they will set.

What is immediately expected of the government, in this plan of improvement, was summarized by Albion K. Parris, president of the Georgetown Citizens' Association during the past week when, along with officers representing over thirty other citizens' associations, he appeared before the Board of District Commissioners to present his claims.

What Georgetown Asks.

Mr. Parris, who, in representing an old part of the town, containing 23,500 men, suffragettes, and children, said:

"We have asked for a respectable entrance into Georgetown through P street; that is, we desire the repaving with an asphalt surface of the played out Belgian pavement, the like of which is hardly to be seen hereabouts, and which is disreputable to any section, despite the fact that the only matter of special notice in Georgetown is the cemetery."

"We have also asked for three or four years for the repaving of the second business street, Wisconsin avenue, from Pennsylvania avenue for three or four blocks. We have remonstrated, petitioned, and, as far as the conditions will allow, we are demanding that something shall be done with the unsightly and insanitary dump on the banks of Rock Creek to the south of P street bridge."

The homes of this section have always been among the most attractive in Washington because of the presence of that Southern air of comfort and hospitality which pervades them. Unlike the newer sections, most of the houses set well back from the sidewalks and are surrounded with attractive shade trees and pretty lawns.

But it is upon the proposed park system that residents are depending for a large part of added picturesque quality of its residential section. With the entire territory surrounded with parks and the beautiful oak tree lining its streets, Georgetown should become one of the most delightful sections of the city, and values correspondingly enhanced.

Culvert Is Probable.

While the plans of the park commission contemplated one or two innovations in the treatment of the Rock Creek valley, the rapid filling-in of the valley adjacent to P street, now being used as a public dump, makes it more and more probable that the plan to be selected for the improvement of this section will involve the building of a large masonry culvert, or sewer, for the creek and the filling-in of the ground over the culvert so as to obliterate the valley and raise it to the level of the adjacent lands. Upon this made ground the parkway will be laid out.

North of Q street the valley is so attractive and the sylvan character so pronounced that from this point north the open valley plan will probably be adopted. A branch drive should lead to Sheridan Circle, and the main drive should rise along the easterly side of the valley so as to get a plunging view, and so as to pass under Massachusetts avenue, permitting an easy connection with it. On the south, connection will be made with Potomac Park and the attractive drives contemplated therein.

To bring the Potomac into direct connection with the city and provide a western park boundary for West Washington, as well as to provide an approach from Georgetown to the Zoological Park and Rock Creek, a parkway is proposed from the end of the contemplated Potomac drive at the valley of Foundry Branch, half a mile above the Aqueduct Bridge, to Rock Creek Parkway, near Massachusetts avenue.

Part of Permanent System.

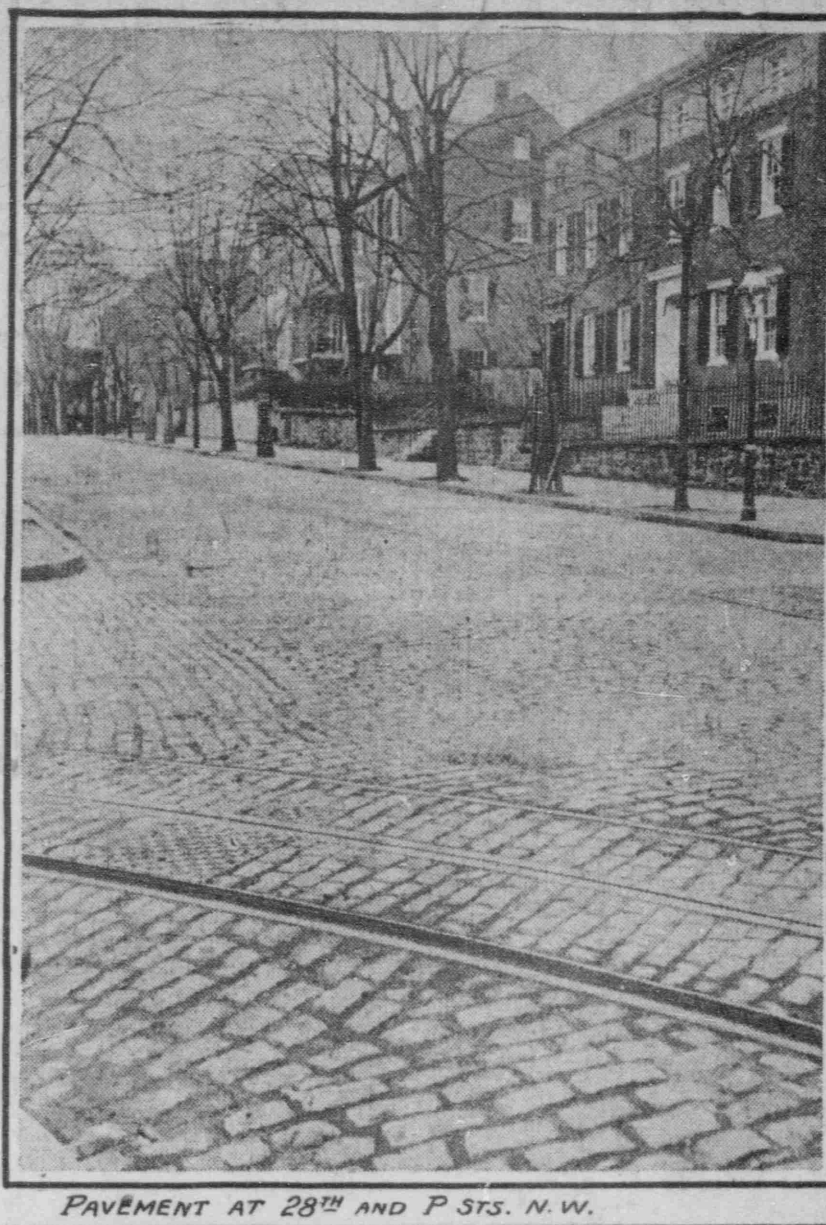
The valley of Foundry Branch must be spanned by a viaduct just north of the electric railway trestle, and as the valley is deep, narrow, and picturesque, it is desired that it be preserved as a part of the permanent parking system. From this valley the line would cross the ridge upon the end of which stands the Georgetown Observatory, and run on a direct line by easy grades to the gap south of the Naval Observatory.

In passing through the lands of Georgetown University, which are likely to remain always agreeable and park-like, the width might be reduced to the minimum requisite for a single drive and paths.

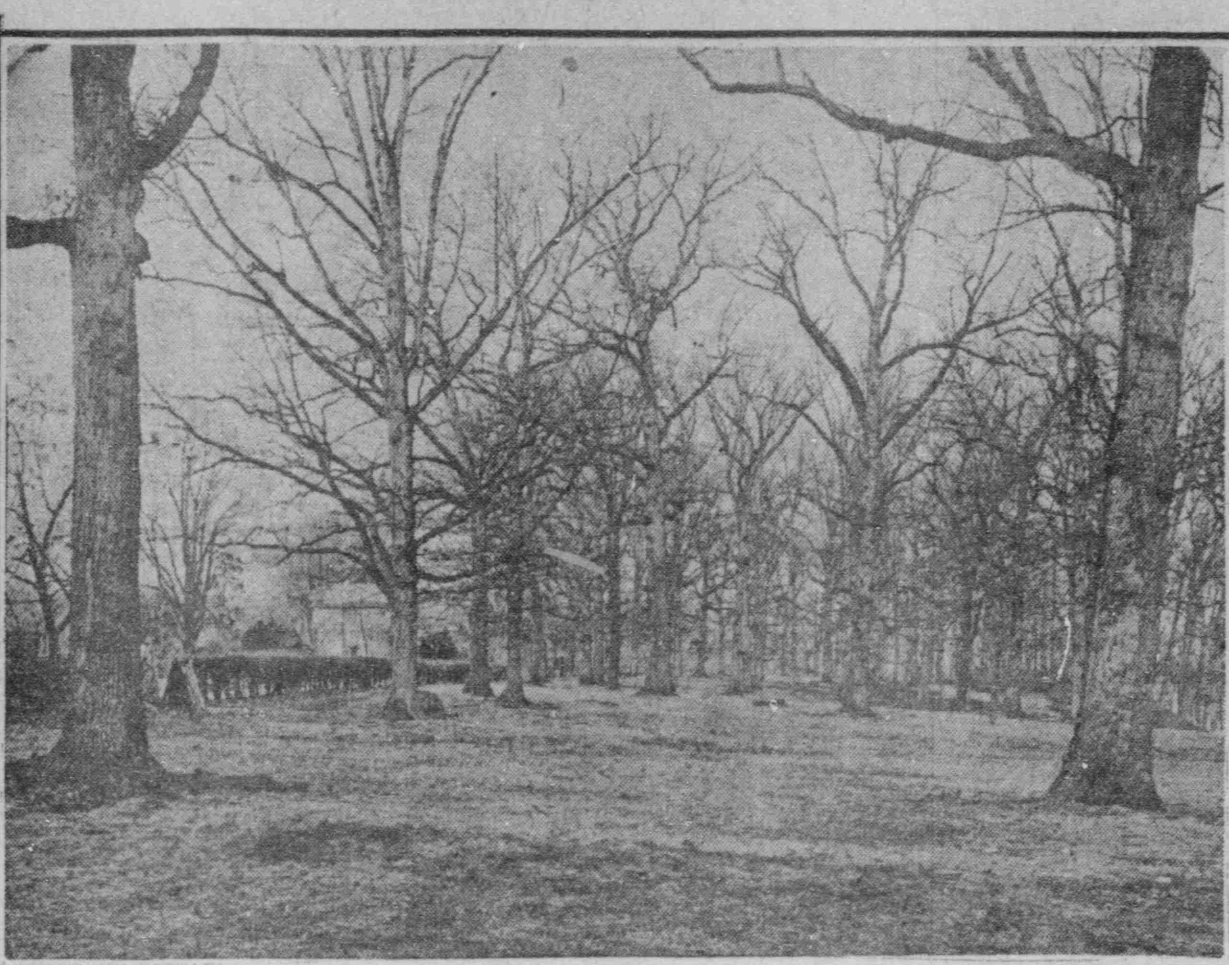
In crossing the ridge at Thirty-fifth street and the Tennallytown road, the central drive would be depressed below the streets, both for the sake of an easy gradient and in order to pass beneath those two busy streets. East of this ridge the things should widen out, so as to preserve the charming valley scenery which extends from this point to Rock Creek. A branch similar in treatment would connect with the observatory grounds.

The boundaries are so planned as to provide for broader streets on reasonable grades, including the best of the valley scenery and permitting the construction of a central drive, paths, and so forth, without destroying its beauty. In addition to this, a projecting piece of land of about thirteen acres is included in the plan in order to provide a dignified and convenient entrance to the park system from U street, Georgetown, and at the same time to afford a much needed local park and playground.

These contemplated parks will leave only the south, or water front, exposed to commerce, and, indeed, with the improvements planned for Annapolis Island and the Virginia shore, the historic old



PAVEMENT AT 28th AND P STS. N.W.



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MONTROSE PARK.



TRASH DUMP, SOUTH OF P ST. BETWEEN 24th ST. AND ROCK CREEK BRIDGE AT P ST.



WHERE THE Q STREET BRIDGE SHOULD BE.

section would be separated from those sylvan sections only by the, at times, swift Potomac.

Under this plan Montrose Park, adjoining Oak Hill Cemetery, will remain an isolated breathing spot, with its beautiful grove of grand old trees and other attractions so dear to the people in that locality.

Hope of Better Things.

Residents of West Washington have long been complaining that they have not received the share of the appropriations for improvements that the taxes collected in that district would warrant, and they feel encouraged in the belief that the new Commissioners will look favorably upon their requests. If this surmise is correct, they look forward to an early allotment for the needs of their district, including the erection of a public comfort station, a convenience that has been more than once urged upon the authorities.

Although the Montrose tract is not involved in the permanent park system, the acquisition of the tract at this time is particularly desirable, because of its accessibility and ease with which it can be utilized. The Georgetown section has heretofore been deprived of participation in the open-air concerts given by the Military Band in the summer time, the Secretary of War having decided that these concerts could only be given on a public reservation, of which there are none within its boundaries.

With all of these improvements in view the Georgetown Citizens' Association has been particularly active of late, recruiting its membership upon the assumption that if the citizens did not make known their wants by concerted action little, if any, attention could be attracted by individual effort.

An Efficient Mistress.

E. A. Rice, in Woman's Home Companion.

Mrs. A., who had a shiftless colored maid, was hurrying through her morning's work in order to go out with a friend in the afternoon. As she flew about from room to room she heard the colored woman chuckling to herself as if very much enjoying something. Impatiently she said:

"What in the world is it that amuses you so, Isabel?"

"Well, Miss Bessie, when I heard you gallop 'round' up-stairs I jes' t'ought if you'd been de Lawd it wouldn't 'a' took you no six days to make de hebbens an' de yearth!"

LEE IN THE CAPITOL.

As some proud peak appears its mighty crest
Above the swirling shadows far below,
Facing superbly, whether the sun's glow
The morning's splendor or the sunset's glow—
So stands our chiefest officer revealed;
Proudly indifferent unto burning moles,
Who, lacking greatness, ever fall to yield
Respectful homage unto valiant souls.
Yet this portly lacks his grand repose;
'Tis but a statue with a bronzed sheen,
For Lee, when facing friends or valiant foes,
Was never conscious of his royal mien.
The warrior's war is but a memory dear,
And fields of savage harbor fearful herds;
Yet still within our Union some appear
Who wage the conflict with a war of words.
'Tis vain to call his noble life "untrue,"
Demy his glory in the Southern cause;
His name's immortal with the deathless few
Who were the tribute of the world's applause.
L. E. D.

In fame's Valhalla hangs his knightly shield,
Emblazoned with the record—all may see;
With eyes of blue upon a crimson field,
Made famous ever by the sword of Lee.
JOHN MACKAYE DUNBAR.

KNIGHTS PLAN FOR BALL.

Committees Selected for Easter Monday Dance.

The following committees are in charge of arrangements for the Knights of Columbus ball to be held at the New Willard on Easter Monday evening:

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Auditor—John H. Miller, Messrs. R. E. Dorle, Jr., Collins, Joy, and Young.

Door and hat boxes—E. L. Tucker, Joy, Doyle, Kane, and Collins.

Decorations—Thomas B. Nolan, Messrs. Simpson, Carr, Webb, and Fuller.

WORK FOR DEGREE TEAM.

At a recent meeting of Columbia Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., at which a large number of members were present, it was decided to confer the initiatory degree on six of their own candidates in the auditorium of their hall, in Seventh street, on Thursday, April 3. It is expected that many members of other lodges will be present, and all Odd Fellows are invited. The degree team of the lodge is getting in shape for the work, and it is expected that an excellent showing will be made. The lodge is in a flourishing condition, having a membership of 29, which makes it the strongest lodge in this jurisdiction.

SEEK TO SAVE BABIES.

Association Will Make Study of Prevention of Mortality.

Baltimore, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Emma Garrett Boyd, of Atlanta, Ga., president of the Southern Association of College Women, has been made a director of the American Association for Study and Prevention of Infant Mortality, which has recently established permanent headquarters in this city.

The association was organized at the recent conference held at New Haven under the auspices of the American Academy of Medicine. It is national in scope and its plans embrace a campaign of study and prevention similar to that of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

Its inquiries for the current year will be along the lines followed at the New Haven conference—prevention by State, municipal, and Federal regulations, medical prevention; prevention by philanthropy, and by educational activities. Special emphasis will be laid upon the necessity for the prompt and accurate registration of births.

Rivals in Army.

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MORNING CHIT-CHAT.

"A woman who does not please, is a false note in the harmonies of nature."
—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

"TO ATTAIN perfect physical beauty is the bounden duty of every woman, and if nature is deficient in her gifts, it is the woman's bounden duty to overcome the defects."

"The woman who does not make herself as beautiful as she possibly can by, is not doing her duty by society."

"The study for the attainment and appreciation of physical beauty among women should be a special feature in our educational and religious training."

Such are the tenets of a novel women's club which is being promoted in Chicago by Dr. Helen Reynolds Kellogg and is to be called the "Society for the Promotion of Physical Beauty."

Don't you think it is a splendid idea?

I do.

I wish there might be such a club in every town and city in the land. And I wish that these clubs besides succoring and making their members more beautiful would also succeed in changing the public attitude toward the woman who tries to be beautiful.

The painters and sculptors who, using paint and clay as their mediums, set to work with the avowed purpose of creating something beautiful are looked upon as public benefactors and men worthy of honor.

The woman who with herself as medium bends her energies toward making that self as beautiful and pleasing a thing as possible, is regarded by a great many people as distinctly frivolous.

And yet surely no work of art that the painter or sculptor could produce could possibly be so beautiful or capable of producing as much pleasure as a beautiful woman.

Surely a beautiful woman, walking through the streets of a city, radiating loveliness, vibrating charm, adds much more to the sum of happiness of the community than the most perfect picture or most magnificent sculpture hidden away in the recesses of the art museum.

Wherefore, I salute the new club and wish it long life and many members and much success.

Are you still unconvinced that the promotion of beauty is as good an object for a club's effort as civic betterment or the study of Browning?

If you are, let me tell you another fact in its favor.

You have doubtless heard of cases where the end justifies the means. Well, this, on the contrary, if you still insist that the end needs justifying, is a case where the means justifies the end.

For if you do not approve of the end which is the pursuit of beauty you will surely approve of the means which is the pursuit of health.

RUTH CAMERON.

OLD RIVALS IN CONGRESS

Every Congress has its fierce rivals and its boon friends—its Blaine and Conkling, its Danion and Pythias. The enmity that existed between Blaine and Conkling, their savage attacks on each other, and their keen, rapier-like thrusts in debate, will linger long in the memory of the older generation.

The House of Representatives to-day has its Blaine and Conkling in the persons of Gen. Isaac R. Sherwood and Gen. J. Warren Keifer, both of Ohio, between whom a life-long feud has existed.

This year, as never before, Congress has realized that the two white-haired and white-bearded Buckeye members are rivals for everything life holds dear to them. Colleagues, for a long time aware of an antipathy between the two aged men, have this year observed the rivalry has grown to the point of personal enmity.

If Gen. Sherwood makes a speech Keifer must reply to it. If Keifer introduces a bill, Sherwood the next day draws up one exactly like it. They vie with each other as veterans of a bloody war, and as heroes of more than a score of little political campaigns.

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Those who know both Representatives Sherwood and Keifer intimately cannot ascribe the reason for the rivalry. They remark that it is strange their records are so nearly alike. There is only five months' difference in their ages. Gen. Sherwood was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., August 12, 1835. Keifer first saw the light of day in Clark County, Ohio, the following January. Both attended Antioch College in Ohio. The two, as young men, went to war within three days of each other. Sherwood answered President Lincoln's call for volunteers the day after it was issued. Keifer enlisted on the fourth day. Both went to the front and for a year saw hard fighting in the border line warfare. In 1862 both were given regiments of their own. Here again the same mysterious influence that seems to have worked over both all their lives was seen.

Fought Side by Side.

Gen. Keifer was commissioned colonel of the 11th Ohio Regiment September 11, 1862. Nineteen days later Sherwood took command of the 11th Regiment. Naturally the two regiments, so closely related by number and organized within three weeks of each other, went to the front side by side. In the two years, 1862-64, the two men were rivals as commanders of the two regiments. In 1864 both were promoted. On September 8 Sherwood became a colonel. A little more than two months later Keifer was promoted brigadier general. Six weeks elapsed and Col. Sherwood became brigadier general also. The two generals each fought in many battles. Gen. Keifer's record is twenty-eight. Sherwood was in no less than forty-five engagements.

All this might not have been fate, but it certainly seemed so when the next chapter was added to the strange analogy of their lives. Both were wounded in battle. Gen. Keifer was severely wounded on one occasion, and three times subjected to slight injuries. Gen. Sherwood,

dashing forward at the head of his column, plunged into a hotbed of bursting shells. Although he escaped with his life, he lost the hearing of his right ear.

Rivals in school and in battle, the two became enemies in earnest when they entered politics after the civil war. Keifer was a Republican and was elected to the State senate in 1865. Two years later Gen. Sherwood became Democratic secretary of state. When his term in that office expired, two terms to be explicit, Gen. Sherwood came to Congress. Six years later Gen. Keifer came. The former, however, remained but one term. He had been an editorial writer on the Cleveland Leader and the publisher of a newspaper at Bryan, Ohio, in earlier life, and he returned to newspaper work in Toledo. Later Gen. Keifer retired. Before leaving Washington, however, he served as Speaker of the House. In this respect, the Springfield man has one the best of the other. However, Gen. Sherwood served six years on the bench, which is an honor Keifer has never had.

Both Now in Congress.

Gen. Keifer retired from Congress in 1885. He returned to Springfield, and when the war with Spain broke out, took time to go to the front as a commander of the volunteer army. He led the American troops into Havana January 1, 1898, and coming home organized the United Spanish War Veterans. In 1904 Gen. Keifer decided he wanted to resume his seat in Congress. He came. Two years later Gen. Sherwood joined him. Both are here yet, and both will be here next year and the next, as neither has opposition of any consequence.

About two years ago the feud between the two Ohio Congressmen broke out and became more bitter than ever. Gen. Sherwood is the pioneer of "dollar-a-day" pension legislation. When he came to Congress in 1906 his first official act was to introduce a "dollar-a-day" bill. In the House in April, 1908, Gen. Keifer made a speech, in which he bitterly scored his Democratic colleague. A few days later Gen. Sherwood replied. In an impassioned speech he arraigned the Springfield member until the House was swayed by sympathy to the extent it counted the minutes until the venerable statesman would resume his seat. At the same time those present were in a constant uproar over the speaker's humor and his biting sarcasm. Once Gen. Keifer sought to interrupt the flow of oratory, but unsuccessfully, and the speech is still unanswered.

The incident of the two speeches severed whatever friendship remained between the two men, and the enmity is still on the incline. Friends say it will break out again some day, and they tremble for the under one, whichever it proves. The feud is by far the most unique in Congress, and it attracts more attention as the participants grow older. This year the subject has been much discussed. There has been no solution and but one question, "How will it end?"

Looking Ahead.

Salle F. Tolson in Woman's Home Companion.

Josephine, aged ten, has a decided lisp. She is also very fond of attending the matinee. The other day she was giving a spirited story of the play to Marion, who was aged nine.

"My mamma says it isn't good for little girls to go to the theater," said Marion, with an air of self-righteousness. "I'm not ever going till I'm eighteen."

"Humph," retorted Josephine, without hesitation, "th'pose you die when you're seventeen, then you'll be thirtyn!"

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